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Title : Need to develop Lonar Crater in Buldana Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra as a tourist resort.

SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL (BULDHANA): A large section of population living in Buldana constituency hails from the Backward, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Communities. There is no industry in my constituency. Sir, due to lack of industries, the economic conditions of the people in my constituency is very poor. People are being compelled to live in miserable conditions.

The unique crater at Lonar in Central Maharashtra is a spectacular spot and is one of the five largest such craters in the world. The Lonar crater is the only natural impact crater in basalt rock in the world. At the bottom of the crater a lake has formed around which small settlements have been established. This unique grological site is home to an impressive list of migrant and resident birds including kingfishers, orioles and minivets. Though this is one of the hottest parts of India, cool forests of tall trees and fruit orchards rim the area. It is also home to a unique peacock sanctuary. The temple built in the Hemadpanti style are situated inside the crater. The structures are in a dilapidated condition.

Lonar Crater, which is situated in my constituency, could not get worldwide publicity due to lack of proper infrastructure. Sir, there is an urgent need to develop Lonar Crater as an international tourist place to attract foreign as well as national tourists.

I would request the Central Government, through you sir, to kindly develop Lonar Crater as an Internal Tourist centre so that the Local people will get job opportunities and the backwardness of this area can be removed.